



City of Coppell, Texas

255 E. Parkway Boulevard
Coppell, Texas 75019-9478

Minutes City Council

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

5:30 PM

Second Floor Conference Room,
First Floor Conference Room,
and Council Chambers

WES MAYS
Mayor

DON CARROLL
Place 3

JIM WALKER
Mayor Pro Tem

RAMESH PREMKUMAR
Place 5

BRIANNA HINOJOSA-SMITH
Place 2

BIJU MATHEW
Place 6

KEVIN NEVELS
Place 4

MARK HILL
Place 7

MIKE LAND
City Manager

Present 8 - Wes Mays; Jim Walker; Brianna Hinojosa-Smith; Don Carroll; Kevin Nevels; Ramesh Premkumar; Biju Mathew and Mark Hill

Also present were Deputy City Managers Traci Leach and Kent Collins, City Attorney Bob Hager, and City Secretary Lauren Thoden.

The City Council of the City of Coppell met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Council Chambers, and First Floor Conference Room of Town Center, 255 Parkway Boulevard, Coppell, Texas.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Wes Mays called the meeting to order, determined that a quorum was present and convened into Financial Strategy Session Number 1 at 5:30 p.m.

2. Financial Strategy Session #1

A. Citizens' Appearance

Mayor Wes Mays advised that no one signed up to speak.

B. Presentation and discussion regarding Service Organizations' request.

I. Coppell Community Garden Corporation

- II. Coppell Farmers Market Association
- III. Coppell Humane Society
- IV. Coppell ISD Education Foundation
- V. Coppell Community Chorale
- VI. Coppell Historical Museum

The Items were presented by representatives from each of the following organizations as follows:

- 1) Coppell Community Garden Corporation presented by Tracy Fisher.
- 2) Coppell Farmers Market Association presented by Amanda Austin.
- 3) Coppell Humane Society presented by Michele Gaffney.
- 4) Coppell ISD Education Foundation presented by Julie McConnell, Jill Hill, Shayne Jones, and Eric Anton.
- 5) Coppell Community Chorale presented by Bethany Henze, Lori Young, and Andi Greco.
- 6) Coppell Historical Museum presented by Chris Long.

The representatives also answered questions of City Council.

C. Presentation of Financial Strategy Session: Investing in Coppell's Future.

Kim Tiehen, Director of Strategic Financial Engagement, gave a presentation to and answered questions of City Council.

D. Presentation and discussion regarding Special Revenue Funds.

Kent Collins, Deputy City Manager, gave a presentation on Special Revenue Funds to City Council.

Upon completion of the presentation portion of this Agenda Item, at 7:38 p.m., Mayor Mays recessed the Financial Strategy Session and transitioned the City Council to Council Chambers to convene the Regular Session portion of the meeting.

E. Presentation and discussion regarding Water and Sewer Budget.

Kent Collins, Deputy City Manager, gave a presentation on Water and Sewer Budget to City Council.

At the conclusion of this presentation, Council provided direction on item 2.D. Upon conclusion of the direction, Mayor Wes Mays adjourned the Regular Meeting.

3. **Work Session (Open to the Public) Second Floor Conference Room**
Citizen comments will not be heard during the Work Session, but will be heard during the Regular Session under Citizens' Appearance.

A. Discussion regarding agenda items.

Work Session was not held.

Regular Session

Mayor Wes Mays called the Regular Session of the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m.

4. Invocation 7:30 p.m.

Pastor Arthur Mendes of Valley Ranch Baptist Church gave the invocation.

5. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Wes Mays led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. Citizens' Appearance

Mayor Wes Mays asked for those who signed up to speak:

- 1) John Murphy, 931 Laguna Drive, spoke regarding noise from Kroger.
- 2) Greg Martinez, 619 Stratford Lane, spoke in favor of demolishing 631 Stratford Lane.
- 3) Mary Knight Tyler, 619 Stratford Lane, spoke in favor of demolishing 631 Stratford Lane.
- 4) George Cooper, 706 Stratford Lane, spoke in favor of demolishing 631 Stratford Lane.
- 5) Salman Ahmad, 631 Stratford Lane, spoke against demolishing 631 Stratford Lane.
- 6) Roohi Ahmad, spoke against demolishing 631 Stratford Lane.

7. Consent Agenda**A.** Consider approval of the Minutes: June 9, 2026.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kevin Nevels, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jim Walker, that Consent Agenda Items A through F be approved. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

B. Consider adoption of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Coppell, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 2025-1635, the budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026; and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kevin Nevels, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jim Walker, that Consent Agenda Items A through F be approved. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Enactment No: OR 2026-1648

C. Consider adoption of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Coppell, Texas for of S-1113R3-SF-7, St Constantine School, Lot 1, Block A, Corp Of Episcopal Diocese Dallas, a special use permit revision to allow a private school with the maximum enrollment of 130

students to operate at the Church of the Apostles located at 322 S MacArthur Blvd, at the southeast corner of Starleaf St. and MacArthur Blvd, and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kevin Nevels, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jim Walker, that Consent Agenda Items A through F be approved. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Enactment No: OR 91500-A-845

- D.** Consider approval to purchase three (3) vehicles from Caldwell Country Ford; through BuyBoard # 724-23; for replacement of existing vehicles; as provided for in the Capital Replacement Fund; in the amount of \$150,733.00; and authorizing the City Manager to sign any necessary documents.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kevin Nevels, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jim Walker, that Consent Agenda Items A through F be approved. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- E.** Consider approval to purchase three (3) vehicles from Sam Pack's Ford; through BuyBoard # 724-23; for replacement of existing vehicles; as provided for in the Capital Replacement Fund; in the amount of \$192,518.65; and authorizing the City Manager to sign any necessary documents.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kevin Nevels, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jim Walker, that Consent Agenda Items A through F be approved. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- F.** Consider approval of Contract Amendment No. 1 with Quiddity Engineering, LLC; for design and engineering services for the Deforest Lift Station Rehabilitation; in the amount of \$90,000; as provided for in the Water/Sewer Fund retained earnings; and authorizing the City Manager to sign any necessary documents.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kevin Nevels, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Jim Walker, that Consent Agenda Items A through F be approved. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

End of Consent Agenda

- 8.** PUBLIC HEARING: Consider approval of a Resolution granting a distance variance of two hundred and forty-one (241') feet to St. Ann's Catholic Parish for a temporary event, from the 300-foot prohibited requirement, for the on-premise sale of alcoholic beverages, with an address being 180 Samuel Boulevard; and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

City Secretary Lauren Thoden gave a presentation to City Council.

Mayor Wes Mays opened the Public Hearing and stated that no one had signed up to speak.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brianna Hinojosa-Smith, seconded by Councilmember Kevin Nevels, to close the Public Hearing and approve the item as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Enactment No: RE 2026-0714.1

9. City Manager Reports, Project Updates, Future Agendas, and Direction from Work Session

City Manager Mike Land gave the following report:

- **Community Experiences Trails Master Plan:** Thank you to everyone in our community who attended Trails Master Plan Community Input Meeting and took the time to provide feedback. Your input is invaluable as we update this long-range plan to guide how we create, improve, and maintain a connected trail network that meets the current and future needs of our community. City staff are working with our consultant, Teague Nall and Perkins (TNP), to compile and analyze the feedback received during the meeting. As the project progresses, updates will be provided during the monthly Parks and Recreation Board meetings, which are held on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
- **Bullock and Howell** - All street concrete pours are complete, driveway pours on Howell are complete, driveway pours on Bullock are in progress, and restoration is in progress on Howell.
- **Royal Lane Reconstruction** –The Storm drain installations are in progress, Atmos gas line relocation is in progress, subgrade work is in progress.
- **Service Center** – We are finalizing audio and video punchlist items.
- **Justice Center remodel** – HVAC units have been installed on the roof and the interior tile is complete in locker rooms and restrooms. The millwork and flooring are going in. The Shade structures completed. The project is still on schedule to be completed in Aug.
- **Fire Station 3** –The contractor has completed drilling the piers and grade beams. Next up is under slab work, foundation, and erecting steel.

10. Mayor and Council Reports on Recent and Upcoming Events.

Mayor Wes Mays gave the following report:

- Thank you to the over 15,000 community members that came out to celebrate Independence Day on July 4th. It was a tremendous event in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary and did well to honor our nation's birthday.
- One Coppel's Together We Dine event on July 9th was a strong success, attended by over 80 community members, with community interest far exceeding the number of available seats. This gathering focused on civility, exploring what it means to stay connected and maintain community in everyday life. The next Together We Dine is scheduled for November 5th.
- One Coppel believes everyone has a role to play, including our community's youth. This summer, One Coppel's Problem Solvers in Beta:

Debug the Community series ran a free three-session series for Coppell high schoolers (9th-12th grade) where the youth worked on a real challenge submitted by a City of Coppell department. They will be presenting their solutions directly to city leaders this Thursday. We are excited to engage the bright, creative minds of our youth and look forward to hearing the solutions they've constructed. For more information on this and other One Coppell programs, please visit the website at coppelltx.gov/1253/One-Coppell.

11. Council Committee Reports concerning items of community involvement with no Council action or deliberation permitted.

A. Report on North Texas Commission - Councilmember Ramesh Premkumar

Councilmember Ramesh Premkumar gave his report on North Texas Commission.

12. Public Service Announcements concerning items of community interest with no Council action or deliberation permitted.

No announcements were made.

13. Executive Session (Closed to the Public) 1st Floor Conference Room

Mayor Wes Mays recessed the Regular Session at 8:22 p.m. and convened into the Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

Section 551.071, Texas Government Code - Consultation with City Attorney.

A. City Council shall convene into a closed Executive Session to seek legal advice from the City Attorney under Section 551.071(1) and (2) of the Texas Government Code concerning real property at 631 Stratford, Coppell, Texas, for code compliance and Board of Building Standards Order of Demolition.

Discussed under Executive Session.

The Executive Session adjourned at 9:10 p.m. At 9:13 p.m. Mayor Wes Mays reconvened City Council into Financial Strategy Session Number 1 to discuss Item 2.E and provide direction on Item 2.D.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Wes Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lauren Thoden, City Secretary